

# Thalmer's

## Where to Go For Christmas Presents

### CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS

#### For Infants and Children.

Thousands of dainty little belongings for them, and in such a variety that every possible taste can be gratified, and prices will not be a stumbling block, for we have made them so low that mothers will wonder how so much merit can be obtained at so small a cost.

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| Infants' Honeycomb Bibs, well made; special                                       | 5c  | Children's and Misses' Elderdawn Bath Robes, light or dark colors. A very large assortment, according to the latest ideas; special | \$1.98 |
| Infants' Crochet Bonnets, pink, blue or white; special                            | 10c | Children's Silk Caps and Bonnets, in red and white; regular price, \$2.00; special, \$1.50 and                                     | \$1.50 |
| Infants' Crochet Socks, white and pink, or white and blue; special                | 25c | Children's Draw Leggings, per pair, 50c; and   | \$1.00 |
| Infants' Cashmere Socks, with shell-finished embroidery, white or colors; special | 98c |  |        |

### WOMEN'S GLOVES.

For Christmas giving nothing so appeals to the feminine heart as a box of Gloves—or single pairs, for that matter. Our magnificent stock contains everything in this line produced by the master makers of France, Germany and America.

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| "Barley," the new half-length gloves, Kid Glove, in black, white and tan, at, per pair                                 | \$1.00 | Fast Black and Fleece-Lined Ladies' Cashmere Gloves, with and without cuffs, 25c value, for, per pair      | 25c |
| The "Marvel" Washable Glove Kid Glove, white, pearl, mod and gray. The black absolutely permeation proof, at, per pair | \$1.75 | Children's Golf Gloves, in all extra heavy quality, for, per pair  | 25c |
| Ladies' Golf Gloves, the 3c quality, in good, heavy grades, in all colors, for, per pair                               | 25c    | Ladies' Silk Gloves, cashmere lined, at, per pair  | 75c |
| Ladies' Silk Gloves, silk lined, at, per pair  | \$1.00 | Our regular size Ladies' Tan, Feta and Cashmere, Fleece-Lined, Fast Black, Two-Clasp Gloves, for, per pair | 50c |

### LEATHER GOODS.

Unquestionably the largest line of Leather Goods in the South. It will certainly be to your interest to visit this department if desiring anything of this nature. Be it a Music Roll, Writing Tablets, Pocket-Book, Card-Case, Wrist Bag, Automobile Bag or any other leather article, it can be best obtained here. We have the variety and we have the lowest prices.

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| Crushed Leather Bags, in gray and tan, at \$3.48 and  | \$5.98 | Writing Tablets, in black only, at, each                                | 50c    |
| The newest style Basket Handle Bags, in black only, from \$2.38 to  | \$5.98 | Green, Tan and Black Tablets, at, each                                  | 75c    |
| Other Bags, with leather handle or chain, in red, blue and green, at \$1.50 and                           | \$2.25 | Pretty Tan, Black and Blue Tablets, with silver corners, from \$1 to    | \$2.25 |
| Lots of Bags with leather handles, one dozen different styles, in tan, brown, gray and black, from 50c to | \$3.48 | Writing Tablets, in case, with handle; something new, in black only, at | \$1.50 |
|   |        | Music Rolls, in black, at \$1.00 and                                    | \$1.50 |

## Our Cloak, Suit and Fur Section

Buy now, while the assortments are full and complete. What is more appropriate for a Christmas remembrance than a handsome Cloak, Fur Coat, Scarf or Neckpiece, unless it is one of our exquisite Evening Waists, dainty Dressing Sacques or Kimonos? Our high standard of quality adds additional pleasure to the recipient and affords absolute security to the donor. You will always find our prices lower than on like quality elsewhere.

## OUR MARKED-DOWN SUITS

Will Prove a Great Magnet to Thrifty and Economical Buyers. WE HAVE CONCLUDED, "IN ORDER TO FIT AND GIVE SATISFACTION TO OUR NUMEROUS PATRONS," TO GIVE THEM THE BENEFIT OF AN EARLY REDUCTION OF OUR MOST POPULAR STYLES.

| SUITS.   | JACKETS.  | SKIRTS.   |
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| Our entire stock of elegant costumes, both imported and domestic make, at greatly reduced prices.  | Kersey Coats, double-breasted, box back, collarless, new sleeve, satin lined  | Stylish Walking Skirts, of Suitings, six pleats down the front and on hips, pleated at bottom.  |
| Tan Broadcloth Suit, Eton blouse effect, trimmed with Roussimance lace and wood silk braid, former price, \$100; reduced to  | Kersey Coats, military capes fitted backs, double-breasted, velvet collar, trimmed with gun metal buttons, \$10 coats, reduced to                                   | A few Waterproof Walking Skirts, in brown, blue and green stripe suitings, trimmed in straps and buttons at top and bottom, seven gores, very noble |
| Two elegant Black Broadcloth Visiting Costumes, Eton and Louis XIV. styles, lace trimmed, \$85 suits, reduced to   | Medium Weight Kersey Coats, tan, caesar and black, 28 inch length, deep capes, trimmed with velvet and brass buttons, satin lined, fitted backs, \$15 coats, choice | A line of Striped Suitings, waterproof Walking Skirts, with straps and buttons, habit back, special   |
| Tan Zibeline Costume, blouse effect, back and front, high tucked pleats, deep bodice, chambray vest, trimmed with lace and gilt buttons, tucked skirt in train, \$50 costume, reduced to | New line of Corset Coats, in covert and broadcloth, 20 inch to 30 inch length, strapped and   | Very Dainty Black Cheviot Skirts, trimmed with taffeta on hips, forming yoke effect, with straps and buttons, habit back, for                       |
| Panna Cheviot Suits, coat Louis XIV. styles, deep shoulder capes, trimmed with velvet and fancy braid, tucked skirts, \$25 suits, reduced to   | Rain Coats, in cravantes and waterproof materials; all worth fully 25 per cent. more than \$25.00 marked price; \$12.50 to  | Black Broadcloth Dress Skirts, pleated down front, panel effect, skirt bottom, trimmed in buttons, habit back,                                      |
| Suits of Fancy Mixtures, both walking and dress lengths, all cut in the top notch of style, several \$25 and \$30 suits, reduced to  |   | Black Zibeline Dress Skirts, tucked, trimmed in taffeta, ornaments and fancy braid, nobby and   |
| COATS.   | VELVET SUITS.   | SILK WAISTS.  |
| White and Tan Evening Coats, less than cost.   | Excellent quality Velvet Suits, in navy and black polka dot, made shirt waist style, with plaits and tailor finish, seven gores                                     | White Peau de Sole Waists, with small yoke and vest trimmed with fagoting and silk medallions, fancy stock and cuffs, very                          |
| Our \$5 Imported Coats, reduced to   | The newest ideas in metallic velvet effect, shirt waist styles, tucked and piped, with fancy stock and tie, strap skirts with piping,                               | Cream Louisiana Silk Waists, according plaited all over with narrow lace insertion in sleeve and  |
| Our \$9 Coats reduced to   | A variety of Velvet Waists, in the latest metallic effects, vest fronts with tucks and piping, and trimmed with cut steel and fancy buttons, at \$5.00 and          | All-over lace Waists, in ceru and white, made over silk, with drop yoke, furnished with silk fringe, collar and cuff trimmed with fagoting, at      |
| Our \$25 Coats, reduced to   |   |   |
| Our \$25 Covert Coats, reduced to  |   |   |
| Our \$30 Covert Coats, reduced to  |   |   |

### UMBRELLAS For Men and Women.

A very suitable gift. We have hundreds of styles, and all are the best produced. Beginning this week we can have your initials put on free of charge. This should be an inducement.

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| 100 of Ladies, beautiful Taffeta Umbrellas, with silver, horn and natural wood handles, worth \$2.50, for, choice | Children's School Umbrellas, at 50c, 75c and |         |
|   | \$1.00                                       |         |
| Large assortment of Men's Umbrellas, with horn, natural wood and sterling handles, from \$1.50 to                 |  | \$10.00 |
| Ladies' \$7.50 Sterling Silver and Pearl Trimmed Handles, \$5.00 at \$1.00; special, for                          |  |         |

## Makes Timely Suggestions to All Gift Givers

### CHRISTMAS SILVER.

Silverware for the table is pre-eminently attractive. Cut Glass is exquisite, but, after all, nothing takes the place of Silver in the home. Rich, beautiful silver, that passes from older hands to younger—from generation to generation—bears ever the charm of its first grace, and is universally prized and admired. Our lines are new and varied, offering many suggestions for the Christmas table, the bride or the holiday gift searcher.

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| 1847 Table Spoons, per dozen                                | \$5.00 | Fern Dishes, all shapes, styles and finishes, silver pots inside from up                   |         |
| 1847 Forks, set   | \$4.00 | Children's Cups—a large and varied collection, comprising all new shapes, from 30c to      | \$2.00  |
| 1847 Gravy Ladles, each                                     | \$1.50 | Quadruple Plates, Tea Sets, consisting of tea pot, sugar, creamer and spooner, from \$4.45 | \$25.00 |
| William Rogers' Tea Spoons, per dozen                       | \$3.00 | Burnished Silver Fruit Bowls, gold lined, with feet, worth \$2.00                          | \$2.00  |
| William Rogers' Table Spoons, per dozen                     | \$3.00 |  |         |
| Baking Dishes, Satin Bowl, Burnished Lid, worth \$4.00, for | \$2.50 |  |         |
| 1847 Knives and Forks, per dozen                            | \$4.50 |  |         |
| 1847 Tea Spoons, per dozen                                  | \$2.50 |  |         |

### FURS.

Elegant assortment of the most select and reasonable novelties in Lynx, Ermine, Sable, Mole, Squirrel, Mink, and Fox Furs.

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| Black Lynx Scarfs, \$12.50 to                                   | \$35.00 | Squirrel Scarfs and Neck Pieces, \$7.50 to | \$35.00 |
| Black Lynx Muffs, \$10.00 to                                    | \$20.00 | Squirrel Muffs, \$10.00 to                 | \$15.00 |
| Squirrel Scarfs and Neck Pieces, \$7.50 to                      | \$15.00 | Mink Scarfs and Stoles, \$7.50 to          | \$45.00 |
| Squirrel Muffs, \$10.00 to                                      | \$15.00 | Mink Muffs, \$12.50 to                     | \$25.00 |
| Natural Marten Scarfs and Stoles, \$7.50 to                     | \$35.00 | Marten Muffs, \$10.00 to                   | \$50.00 |
| Marten Scarfs and Stoles, \$7.50 to                             | \$50.00 | Fox Scarfs and Stoles, \$4.48 to           | \$25.00 |
| Fox Scarfs and Stoles, \$4.48 to                                | \$25.00 | Fox Muffs, \$4.48 to                       | \$25.00 |
| Opussum Scarfs and Stoles, \$5.00 to                            | \$15.00 | Opussum Muffs, \$5.00 to                   | \$7.50  |
| Children's and Misses' Sets, in all the popular furs, \$1.00 to | \$12.50 |  |         |

### Comforts for Christmas.

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| Extra quality Taffeta Comforts for                                 | \$1.00  |
| Silkene Lined Comforts, with pure white cotton, for                | \$1.50  |
| Satin Lined Comforts, for \$2.00, \$2.50 and                       | \$3.00  |
| Just received Elderdawn Comforts, in pretty designs, for \$5.00 to | \$22.50 |

### DAINTY APRONS.

A larger stock than we have ever shown—making the broadest price range—one that will meet every demand. Nor have you ever seen figures so low associated with Aprons so excellent in material and make.

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| Plain Tucked Aprons, with and without bibs        | 25c |
| Extra Size Aprons, plain and trimmed, at 50c, and | 50c |

### 25c STERLING SILVER NOVELTIES.

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| Sterling Silver Shoe Horns, at    | 25c |
| Sterling Silver Nail Files, at    | 25c |
| Sterling Silver Button Hooks, at  | 25c |
| Sterling Silver Blotters, at      | 25c |
| Sterling Silver Paper Cutters, at | 25c |

### SPECIAL BLANKET SALE

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| A few \$7.00 12-4 All-Wool Blankets, satin lined, in blue, pink and yellow borders, to close out, per pair | \$5.50 |
| \$5.50 12-4 California Wool Blankets, extra wide, blue, pink and yellow borders, for, per pair             | \$6.00 |
| We show some great values in Gray Blankets, from, per pair, \$6.00 to                                      | \$6.00 |

# THE ATTRACTIVE HOME OF BALTIMORE COUNTRY CLUB

Among the many successful and handsome country clubs that have recently sprung into existence in the South there is none more attractive than the home of the Baltimore Country Club. Many Richmonders have from time to time visited this club, and enjoyed its beautiful and spacious clubhouse, but the majority of the people of Richmond know it only as a name, therefore herewith is presented some account of it, with illustrations, as it will prove of absorbing interest to those of this city who are desirous of seeing a consolidated country club here.

### How the Club Was Organized.

The Baltimore Country Club owes its existence to the energy and enterprise of three Baltimore men, Messrs. Clymer Whyte, W. H. Backer, and E. H. Bouton. These gentlemen, seeing that there was a need for such a club, decided to make an effort to organize one, and at once set to work with this end in view. In October, 1897, they sent out to the people of Baltimore a circular letter, the most likely to take an interest in such a subject a printed circular setting forth the demand for such a club, which should be a country club and yet with an easy access to Baltimore. They also stated in their circular that they had secured the promise of the Roland Park Company, a corporation owning suburban property, to lease them a golf course and to erect thereon for the club a handsome clubhouse, provided a sufficient membership could be secured. The circulars presented views of the proposed club and grounds, and contained other information regarding the dues proposed to be charged by the new club, membership, etc., and closed by inviting the person receiving it to become a member and to the club list. This circular met with immediate success, and before the lapse of a month over 400 persons had written asking that their names be placed on the list of members. As the weeks passed the membership list grew from 400 to 500, then to 600, and finally when 700 members had been secured, a meeting was held for the purpose of organization, and building on the handsome clubhouse was commenced. On the following 4th of June the new club opened its doors with a membership of 1,000, and at the present time there is such a demand for admission to the club that the membership has been limited to 2,000, and there is a long waiting list.

### The Club House.

The clubhouse is a handsome structure, 135 feet long, with a width of sixty feet, and contains dining rooms, reception rooms, billiard and pool rooms, and rooms, and on the third floor are twelve most attractive bachelor sleeping apartments, and in the basement is a large swimming pool (dixy feet), and shower baths and netting house. The clubhouse is four miles from the heart of the city, and is close to the Roland Park car lines. The cars run every five minutes, the fare is five cents, and the run to the clubhouse from the heart of Baltimore takes thirty minutes. The location of the club is most happy, it is not too far, and not too near town to be without the advantages of the country.

### "The High Ball."

The golf course has eighteen holes, and is kept in tip-top condition. The last hole of the course is up hill all the way from the tee, a distance of 235 yards, and is known in the name of the "High Ball," and is perhaps the best known and most popular of the holes on the links. An inspection of the book issued by the club shows that men, women and children are admitted to membership. The initiation fee for resident members is \$50 for men and \$25 for women, and the annual dues are \$20 for men and \$10 for women, and \$5 for children. Life membership in the club costs \$200 for men and \$100 for women. The club has a most efficient set of officials.

### THE LONGEST SESSION CLOSING

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officers, and the terms of their offices and filling vacancies. This is a rather important bill, House bill 310, of seventeen pages, in relation to the State printing.

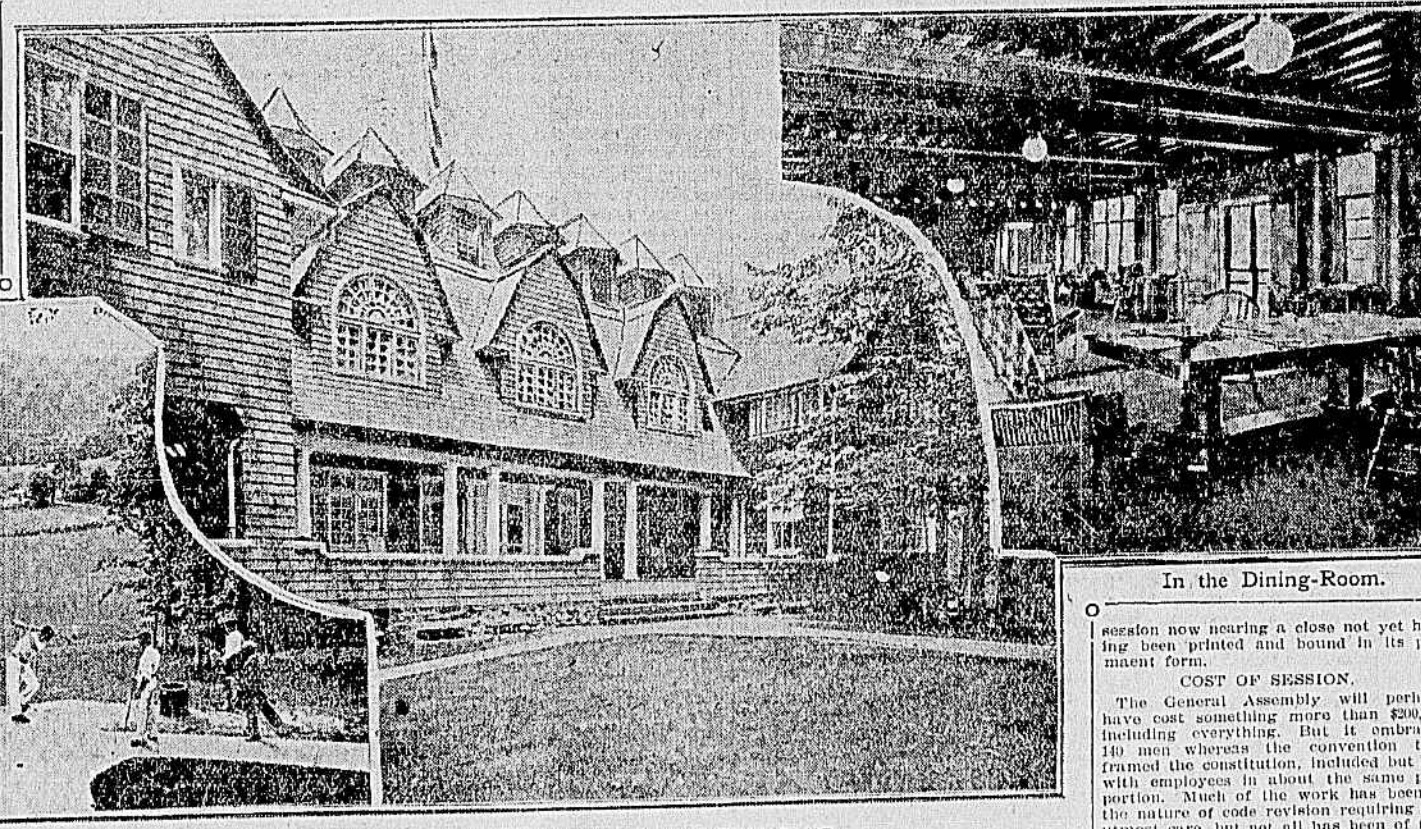


On the Golf Links.

is another rather important measure. House bill 330, in relation to county boards of supervisors, and House bill 330, in relation to the government of cities and towns, are to come before the Senate. House bill 332, in relation to the power of eminent domain, already mentioned, is a bill of twenty-seven pages, not yet touched by the Senate. House bill 337, in relation to public service corporations, already referred to, is the heaviest task yet to be tackled by the Senate. No more important bill has been considered.

### PRIMARY ELECTIONS.

On the Senate calendar are several bills which will die there with the session. They may be resurrected during the next session, but are doomed so far as the Assembly is concerned. Among these are the primary election bill, the House bill in relation to a fence law, the Congressional re-apportionment bill, and various others. The failure of the patrons to press these bills, which have been sleeping on the calendars for some time, is a concession that they cannot pass at this session. So much for what the Senate has yet to do. The House has perhaps even more. Among the important measures yet to pass the House are two Senate bills in relation to schools, the important bill in relation to the extension of cities and towns, which is sure to provoke debate,



BALTIMORE COUNTRY CLUB.

and the even more momentous measure in relation to the terms of courts and justices, a bill made imperatively necessary by the fact that the new circuit court system will supersede the circuit court system February 1st, and other bills of great importance. The very important and essential Senate bill in relation to elections, a momentous measure of forty-six pages, must also pass the House yet. Senate bill 48, in relation to terms and time of the new circuit courts, a bill of nineteen pages, circuit to circuit discussion and inkyote attempts to amend, must come before the House.

There are but a few of the many measures yet to be disposed of by the House of Delegates. There is a mass of repeal bills, and less important ones to pass the House. Besides this there is the important House bill yet to be acted on by the Senate. There are a number of other short repealing bills which will take little time to dispose of.

### MAY COME BACK.

Altogether it is difficult to see how all this work is going to be disposed of before the Christmas recess, even granting that it will not begin before the 23d. It seems likely, indeed, that the members will come back here about January 2d, and put in six days more finishing up the work. Sixty odd members of the two Houses must return January 12th at any event, and these will not mind much coming back to complete the work of the present session. It is doubtful if a quorum can be mustered after the holiday recess, however, even with this nucleus of hold-over members in both Houses. The majority of members of the present

House and nearly half of the Senate will retire from the service of the State with the expiration of the present term.

It now seems not improbable that the two sessions of the Assembly may be merged into each other, as did that extra and the regular sessions of Congress, without an hour's interval of recess. Many changes have occurred in the present Assembly, more than any in recent years. Two senators, Graham Clayton and Dr. George W. Le Cato, have died. Messrs. J. Lawrence Campbell and E. T. Ginter succeeded them. Another, Hon. Carter Glass, was elected to Congress, and was succeeded by Hon. Don. Halsey. Hon. Jordan, of Halifax, a committee clerk, died during the session.

In the House one member, W. B. Clarke, of Surry, died. Dr. S. P. Barham succeeded him. Hon. Robert G. Southall resigned to accept a seat in Congress. Mr. Henry C. Lee, of Nottingham, succeeded him, and Messrs. George C. Cabell, Jr., of Danville; E. P. McLean, of Mechanicsville; and E. H. Atchaf, of Carroll, succeeded him.

### APPROPRIATIONS MADE.

Not only has the session of the General Assembly just ended been the longest on record, but the one making the largest expenditures of public funds in many years. The constitutional convention which met for some months contemporaneously with the General Assembly had cost the Commonwealth nearly a quarter of a million of dollars. Much of the expense of the extraordinary session of the Legislature—extraordinary in both senses, the organic law of the State, and the necessity to conform the statutes to the provisions of the new constitution. The convention which framed this recombed that much necessary work would be entailed as a result of its own revolution in the fundamental law of the Commonwealth, and authorized an unlimited session in order that this labor, much before the radical changes in the court system and other departments of the State government became effective. A peaceful revolution had been wrought and there was much consequential legislation as a result.

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### In the Dining-Room.

Session now nearing a close not yet having been printed and bound in its permanent form.

### COST OF SESSION.

The General Assembly will perhaps have cost something more than \$200,000, including everything. But it embraced 140 men whereas the constitutional convention which met for some months contemporaneously with the General Assembly had cost the Commonwealth nearly a quarter of a million of dollars. Much of the expense of the extraordinary session of the Legislature—extraordinary in both senses, the organic law of the State, and the necessity to conform the statutes to the provisions of the new constitution. The convention which framed this recombed that much necessary work would be entailed as a result of its own revolution in the fundamental law of the Commonwealth, and authorized an unlimited session in order that this labor, much before the radical changes in the court system and other departments of the State government became effective. A peaceful revolution had been wrought and there was much consequential legislation as a result.

Some of the many extraordinary expenditures made by this General Assembly follow:

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| For the payment of pensions under the various acts, \$300,000   |  |
| For new cell building at the penitentiary \$100,000 in addition to the sum of \$80,000 already appropriated and \$50,000 more just appropriated, a total of \$230,000 |  |
| Jamestown Exposition Company, \$200,000 conditioned on the raising of one million dollars by that company.  |  |
| St. Louis exposition, Virginia exhibit, \$20,000, with additional appropriation of \$10,000 pending.  |  |
| With appropriation of \$100,000 proposed and pending.   |  |
| To rebuild burned building of Eastern State Hospital, \$50,000, and \$20,000 additional.  |  |
| For food law appropriation \$2,000.   |  |
| Crop pest commission, \$2,000.  |  |
| Repairs to Executive Mansion, \$7,500.  |  |
| Statue of Robert E. Lee in Statuary Hall, \$10,000.   |  |
| Monument to J. E. B. Stuart, \$10,000.  |  |
| For the removal of Moran claim, \$10,000.   |  |
| Removing Monroe remains to Hollywood, \$50.   |  |
| Fence around Lee Monument, \$500.   |  |

Payment James E. Phillips claim, \$5,000. Expenses of revision committee, \$7,000 (All not used). Expenses of oyster commission, about \$5,000.

### CHARITABLE PURPOSES.

Besides all these, and other small appropriations the State has increased its appropriation to almost all its eleemosynary institutions. For instance, the Virginia Polytechnic Institute got \$15,000 additional; The State Female Normal School at Farmville, \$10,000 additional; Virginia Normal and Industrial School, \$5,000; lights for the general and county jails, \$10,000 additional; and increased appropriations to nearly all the State insane hospitals, and to all the educational and charitable institutions under State aid.

Besides all this, the salary lists of all the State officers and employees, legislative, executive and judicial, the expense of maintaining them, and the corporation commission, and all the usual appropriations to meet the interest on the public debt and other usual expenditures have been paid. There is now pending a proposition to build another female normal and industrial school, and various other propositions. Many propositions to appropriate money for various causes have been voted down.

### THE CAMPBELL CASE.

One of the most expensive cases before the General Assembly, was the trial and preliminary thereto in the case of Judge Clarence J. Campbell, removed from office. This case engaged the attention of the Assembly for weeks, adding to the length of the session and the expense incident to the per diem of members. This was one of the features of the General Assembly.

The passage of the Jamestown exposition bill, and the St. Louis exposition bill, cost the State far more than the most extravagant appropriations that have been made for both houses for long periods, and greatly prolonging the session, and increasing expense.

Among the noteworthy general laws passed, were the pure elections law, the general dog law, the general game law, the law in relation to professional nursing, the statute for the commitment of inebriates to hospitals, the bills re-appportioning the State for Senate and House districts, and a vast volume of other statutes.

The revision of the statutes and re-codifying the same, has consumed the great portion of the time of the session. The proposition to lease oyster grounds to planters has also consumed much time and is still pending.

These are but a few of the important measures enacted by the General Assembly. No reference is had to the volume of code bills passed.

### THE GREAT HIGHWAY OF TRADE AND TRAVEL.

Reaching the important points in the South and the West, penetrating the most attractive sections of Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee and Kentucky, is the Southern Railway. Its frequent and convenient scheduled passenger trains, its rock-balanced tracks, complete and unrivaled Dining Car Service, and through car arrangements, commend it to the traveling public. Through tickets to all points, and Pullman reservations made upon application to any agent or representative of the Southern Railway. Correspondence solicited. "No trouble to answer questions." C. W. WESTBURY, District Passenger Agent.